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Honorable Dennis DeConcini
United States Senator
2730 East Broadway, Suite 160
Tucson, Arizona 85716-5340

Dear Senator DeConcini:

This is in reply to your letter of February 9, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Steven A. Mason, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. To this end, some of the critical issues that must be resolved relate to channel spacing, the amount of time provided to users to convert to new technical standards, how the 300 to 500 percent increase in channel capacity should be licensed, how the rules should be written to provide users technical flexibility, and whether the current nineteen radio services should be consolidated and, if so, how. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals.

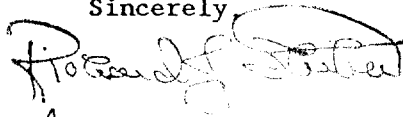
Mr. Mason is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

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We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due May 28, 1993, and Reply Comments are due July 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994. We urge your constituent to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely



Ralph A. Haller
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Chief, Private Radio Bureau

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February 9, 1993

Ms. Lorrie Secrest
Director for Public Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Ms. Secrest:

Enclosed is a copy of the privacy release letter Senator Dennis DeConcini received from Mr. Steven A. Manson requesting that we inquire on his behalf regarding the recent FCC proposal of P.R. Docket 92-235.

After you have had the opportunity to review the matter, I would appreciate your making any suggestions and/or recommendations on how we may assist Mr. Manson with his concern.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Subject: FCC Proposed Rule, Docket 92-235

Dear Senator DeConcini:

The proposed rule deals with the placement of land mobile frequencies between the current frequency assignments for Radio Controlled Model Aircraft. In 1991, the FCC restructured the frequency assignments for radio controlled devices and are outlined in Part 95 of the FCC Rules and Regulations. This restructure mandated that radio control operation of model aircraft be on 50 channels in the 72 Mega Hertz band spaced 10 Kilo Hertz apart. The industry answered and started producing radios that were capable of this operation which was a real technical feat. To now ask industry to design new radios with only a 2.5 Kilo Hertz spacing most likely will not be technically possible.

My personal concerns on the proposed rule are mostly in the area of safety. To safely operate a model aircraft, which can sometimes weigh as much as 40 pounds, we have to be assured that potential radio frequency interferences do not exist. If this proposed rule were to pass, it would put an end to the safe operation of our aircraft as we know it now.

Currently there are two sites on Ft. Huachuca that are instructing Army, Navy and Marine Corps students to fly the Pioneer and Hunter Unmanned Air Vehicles. The students are instructed first on model aircraft and either half scale Pioneer or third scale Hunter model aircraft. These training activities use the same frequencies that all radio control modelers do. To allow this proposed rule to pass will have a detrimental effect on these training activities.

Please do all you can to stop this proposed rule.

Respectfully;



Steven A. Mason